



Sports

The sports I enjoy as a spectator are

The sports I enjoy as a participant are _____

The sport I like best is _____ because _____

The sport I like least is _____ because _____

In my native country, the most popular sports are _____.

A sports hero from my native country is/was _____

_____ who played _____

In school, I played on the _____ team.

Professional athletes are/aren't paid too much.

Professional athletes are/aren't important as role models for young people.

My favorite local sports team is the _____

My favorite professional sports team is the _____

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Lexical Challenges

a spectator
a participant
popular
a hero
a team
professional
an athlete
a role model
local

Extension Activities

1. Ask the students to prepare oral presentations of their favorite sports.
2. Learn the game of baseball – how it is played, its history, the names of players, etc.– and, if possible, attend a game or watch a televised game or a recording of a game.
3. Research legendary sports figures and write or present reports.
4. Ask the students to teach a game played in their native country.
5. Learn the terms, rules, and procedures for one of these sports – bowling, miniature golf, volleyball, or softball – and take a field trip to play or watch the sport.

More Conversation/Discussion

- ♦ What should be done to eliminate doping among athletes? Should star athletes who are discovered using drugs be stripped of their medals?

Writing

- ♦ List the rules and equipment for playing a less-known sport such as jai-alai or lacrosse.

Helpful Websites

- ♦ espn.com
- ♦ si.com
- ♦ foxsports.com